

SWEEP OF TROPICAL CYCLONE



IN THE CYCLONE BELT—A GLIMPSE OF HAVANA.

NATIONAL POLITICS AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 8.—In its general features the present congressional campaign may continue to be very uninteresting and in its results may be very one sided. In spots, however, it will be full of ginger. There are a score or more of the 386 districts where political fighting will be intense right up to the day of voting. Several candidates of peculiar personality or prominence are involved.

The tendency this year, as often has been noted, is to strike at candidates who have been long in office. The eminent figures seem to be targets for the voters. It has been so in the primaries and nominating conventions of both parties and it will not be surprising if some of the well known leaders fail at the November polling. Organized labor is after some of them. Factional quarrels have weakened the positions of several Republicans and also of a Democrat here and there. Tariff revision sentiment has not been without effect, the most notable instance recently being in the case of Representative James T. McCleary, of a southern Minnesota stronghold district. Next to Speaker Cannon he is the arch-standpatter, who would build the wall higher. But he pulled through with a renomination a little time ago by just a handful of votes and there is talk, probably not well founded, that he will be beaten for reelection.

Chairmen of the congressional committees, who are always members of the House, have been shining marks in recent campaigns. Two years ago Representative Cowherd, of Kansas City, the Democratic chairman, went down under a Roosevelt landslide. Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, the Republican chairman that year, won by about 300 votes. Both districts were regarded as entirely safe for the incumbent. This year James S. Sherman, of Utica, N. Y., chairman of the Republican committee, who has been coming to Congress for eighteen years by as high as 12,000 majority, is having some trouble. Labor is fighting him and other independents in his district are up in arms. All have united on J. K. O'Connor, a popular resident of Utica, as their candidate. It will be very uphill to defeat Mr. Sherman but the extent to which the labor officials can whittle down his majority will attract attention.

Otherwise the New York congressional contests will apparently be commonplace, although the political completion of the new Empire State delegation of 37 members may have an important bearing on the majority in the House. If the Democrats have any hope at all of controlling the next House it rests upon the gaining of several New York seats. The delegation now consists of 11 Democrats and 26 Republicans.

THE PENNSYLVANIA FIGHT.

There are two or three fights in Pennsylvania that come near being of national interest. The Republican factional quarrels there are causing several Republican incumbents to look to their laurels. Even Gen. Harry Bingham, "the father of the House," is being opposed by a Lincoln Republican candidate. Two years ago Gen. Bingham had a majority of 24,000. But the two most noteworthy congressional contests in the state are the two coal mining districts, where the miners have candidates of their own. The tenth, or Lackawanna district, has been quite close politically for several campaigns. Thomas Henry Dale, of Scranton, has been renominated but the Democrats have named the vice president of the miners union against him. This candidate is said to have the backing of John Mitchell, who may make speeches for him. A somewhat similar situation prevails in the fifteenth or Lycoming district, where labor is arrayed against Representative Elias Deemar.

The Luzerne district, which includes a large voting population of miners, has been represented for six years by Henry Wilber Palmer, of Wilkesbarre, a rough mannered but able Republican, who was once Attorney General of Pennsylvania and prosecuted the Molly McGuire. The district is known as a very mercenary one, but Mr. Palmer has fought this feature of its politics relentlessly. This year there has been a bolt from his nomination and Dr. Cobleigh, a very wealthy man, is running on nomination papers. With the Republican strength divided, the Democrat may win. Mr. Palmer has attained considerable prominence in the House. He was one of the managers of the impeachment trial of Judge Charles Swayne.

As a rule Southern congressional contests cease to be interesting after the primary stage has passed. Excluding the border states of Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, the Republicans have but three members from the entire South—one in North Carolina, and two in Tennessee. Representative Spencer Blackburn, of the Eighth North Carolina, has been severely tried in factional strife and his district is very close. Both parties are putting forth heroic efforts to carry it. Secretary Shaw has delivered several speeches in that district. It is in large part a mountain district, as is the district of Representative Walter Preston Brownlow, of Tennessee. He is a nephew of the famous Parson Brownlow and in his ten years service as a member, has come to be quite a prominent character about Washington. President Andrew Johnson once represented this district as a free trade Democrat, although it is now normally Republican by 10,000 votes. Ex-Representative

Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Cuba and Florida Feeling Its Devastating Touch—Loss of Life and Property Is Great.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN SALVADOR, October 20.—A tempest has raged for ten days in the republic of Salvador, flooding valleys, destroying cattle and crops and drowning hundreds of people. The loss is incalculable. Guatemala and Honduras have suffered the loss of millions.

HURRICANE SWEEPS OCEAN.

WASHINGTON, October 20.—The Cuban hurricane extends 200 miles out at sea.

CUBA'S LOSS HEAVY.

HAVANA, October 20.—The people of this city are storm-bound. Twenty are known to have been killed. In the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio trees are uprooted and the loss to property is estimated at \$2,000,000.

A TIDAL WAVE DISASTER.

MIAMI, Fla., October 20.—The steamer St. Lucia has been sunk and twenty-five passengers have been killed by a tidal wave. The entire fishing fleet is missing. It is known that 250 people have been drowned.

A STORM-SWEPT KEY.

ELLIOTT KEY, October 20.—A tremendous storm is raging here.

Alfred Alexander Taylor, a brother of ex-Governor and Democratic Senator-elect "Bob" Taylor, is running as a Republican Independent against Brownlow. Their campaign is of the rough and tumble kind that pleases the Tennessee mountaineers. A Democrat or the Independent Republican may defeat Mr. Brownlow.

The remaining struggles for congressional honors, that have features of national interest, center almost solely in the Middle West. Not but what there will be several spirited campaigns west of the Mississippi—in California, Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, and even in the new state of Oklahoma which will elect a delegation of five members. Kentucky, too, is throbbing with congressional politics. New England has three or four vigorous congressional campaigns, but since Representative Littlefield gained a bare majority in Maine, there have been no candidates of prominent personality figuring in hard fights.

LONGWORTH BLACKLISTED.

As son-in-law of President Roosevelt, Representative "Nick" Longworth, of the first Ohio district, comprising a portion of Cincinnati, is in the congressional limelight this year, because he has been blacklisted by President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. The Democrats have named Thomas Bentham, a lawyer, who was once a union labor man and who still carries his union card. Labor has never been very effective in his district. It has been claimed that the followers of George B. Cox, ex-boss of Cincinnati and the man who brought about Longworth's nomination, would knife him this year because President Roosevelt sent Secretary Taft into the Buckeye state last year and contributed to the defeat of Cox's candidate for governor. Cox, however, says Longworth is certain of reelection. The young Congressman is making an aggressive campaign and a big array of spellbinders, including Speaker Cannon, will speak in his district.

The recent nomination of ex-Governor James E. Campbell as Democratic candidate in the Third or Dayton district, lends interest to that campaign. The district has been going Republican, although it was formerly strongly Democratic. Campbell has been practicing law in New York for a decade. The Democratic state organization is thought to be planning to make him a gubernatorial candidate in 1906 and, perhaps, send him to the national convention as Ohio's candidate for the presidency.

Ex-Representative Benjamin F. Shively, of South Bend, Ind., who was a member of the Forty-eighth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses is putting up a spirited campaign against A. L. Brick in the Thirteenth district. Shively is a national figure, has participated in several national conventions and was once nominated by the Indiana Democrats for governor. He must overcome a large Republican majority to win.

Although Speaker Cannon's reelection is a foregone conclusion, the fight of organized labor against him is being watched closely in Illinois. Gompers is bending every energy to make a strong showing against the Speaker and only recently made an appeal for a special campaign fund of \$250,000 from union men to be used in Illinois and other states.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

COHEN IS DEAD BROKE

William Aylett, member of the Royal Hawaiian band, and also a member of the last Legislature of Hawaii, returned home Friday on the Alameda, some time ahead of the band itself, which he announces will sail from San Francisco on the steamship Sierra, about October 30. Mr. Aylett states that the members of the band are in good health and enjoying the trip, although he confesses that the salaries have not all been paid up. His optimism, however, is not corroborated by the following letter which Mr. Aylett presented to Chairman George W. Smith of the County Board of Supervisors, yesterday afternoon:

COHEN DEAD BROKE.

"Hastings, Nebraska, Sept. 30, 1906.

"Mr. G. W. Smith, Chairman of Board of Supervisors.

"Dear Sir: Mr. R. W. Aylett is going home and will present this letter to you.

"You have misunderstood my telegram and done the Hawaiian band an injustice by ordering us to 'Stay with Cohen.'

"Mr. Cohen is dead broke; he can't take the band home; he has no reserve fund. We live merely from hand to mouth. We are traveling around the country aimlessly to make board and lodging.

"We want to go home, as our contract has expired today. You have ordered us four months to be with Cohen. The time is up.

"Cohen hasn't paid salaries for the last two months, and somebody not even for four months, except a little spending money.

"The boys are hard up and they're very anxious about their families in Honolulu, as they have not received any money for two months.

"Cohen owes me personally about \$1000, including the advances I have paid to the boys.

"I haven't received any salary.

"Now, Mr. Smith, you're connected with the Supervisors, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association and the Promotion Committee, and a most respected citizen of Honolulu, and you know the band. It would not take long to collect the money for our home trip, and, mind you, we have taken the trip for the benefit of the whole community to promote Hawaii, and especially Honolulu. We have worked hard for four months and now we are stranded through mismanagement, no fault of ours, and we want to go home and play again for Hawaii.

"Now, we need about \$1500 to go from here to the coast, and then you have to get steamer passage from San Francisco to Honolulu. You're more able to arrange steamer passage than we are here.

"I trust that the whole of Honolulu will treat us fair. We have done our best and worked for your benefit and for all.

"All the boys send Aloha.

"Address Omaha; we will get it.

"Yours, with thousand thanks,

(Signed) "CAPTAIN H. BERGER."

"Billy" Aylett landed in Honolulu in

DENATURIZED ALCOHOL

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 8.—Mr. J. N. S. Williams, assistant manager of the Hawaiian Commercial Sugar Company has been in Washington for a conference with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mr. John W. Yerkes. He wished to discuss the methods of manufacturing denaturized alcohol, which is authorized by the recent law of Congress, in effect January 1. Mr. Williams was accompanied on his visit to Mr. Yerkes by Mr. Geo. B. McClellan.

He was pleased to learn that the expense of supervising the manufacture of the alcohol is to be borne by the United States government. Mr. Williams also examined with interest the plans of the government as to retainers for the alcohol. Some sheet steel containers have been made, which the Internal Revenue Commissioner intends to approve.

Mr. McClellan has visited the Light-house Board, whose officers decided to erect the temporary beacon at Makapuu without the usual delays of advertising. Mr. McClellan urged that the customary red tape in the construction of a lighthouse be omitted in the work at Makapuu, but the most the board would consent to was that the time for advertising for bids for construction should be shortened.

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the white band uniform adopted for the American tour, on the collar of which are the brass letters, "R. H. B." Asked more in particular as to the financial condition of the band, Billy said: "Well, Cohen hasn't paid the boys in full, and some did not get all that was coming to them, but he will get them home all right. He paid my way from Omaha, where I left the band, to Honolulu.

"We had big houses at some places, but Cohen lacked experience in making business arrangements, and so we didn't get what we should. We played before audiences of 25,000 people in St. Louis, but instead of getting twenty-five per cent. of the receipts, Cohen got about five cents on a dollar. That's been the way all along.

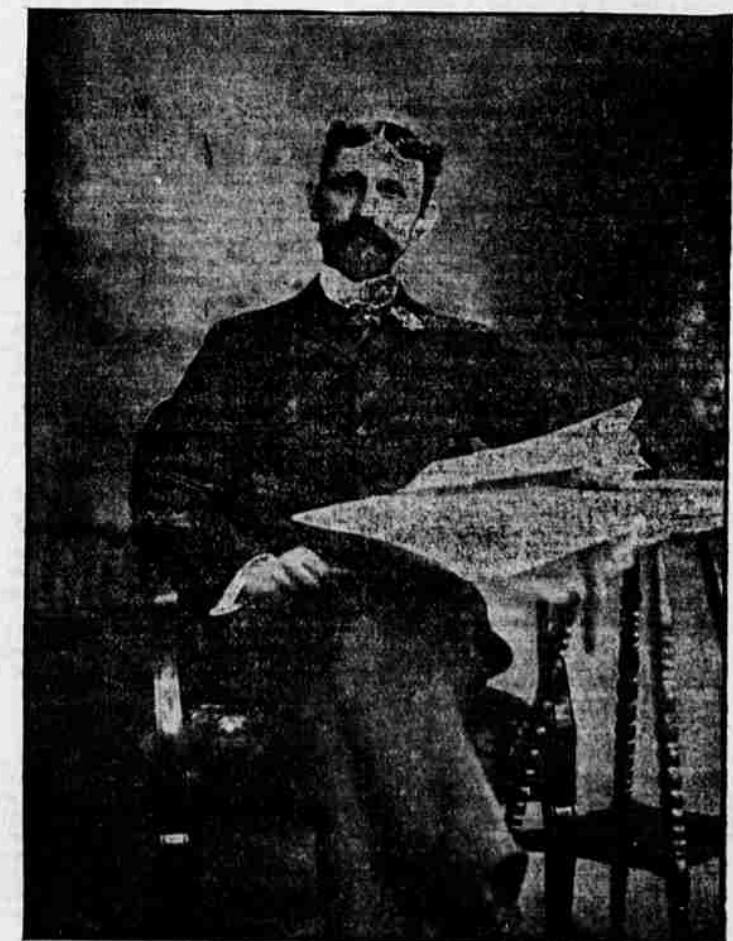
"I wanted to come down here and do politics. I intended sailing on the Sonoma, but our train was two days late, and so I got left. I can't even register, so I'm worse off than some of the Chinamen here. Oh, yes, I'll probably get out and make some speeches."

The wife of one of the bandmen yesterday received a letter from her husband in which he stated that the bandmen were in a bad way financially, and had been paid but a tithe of what was owing them. Cohen appeared to have no money at all.

This wife in question is said to be one of many who have not received any money from their husbands. Several have been compelled to go out and work for their living.

C. W. Quinn, for a long time the first assistant engineer of the liner Korea, has been appointed chief engineer of the big steamer Alcoa.

BOOKSELLER A. J. LYON DIES AT HIS DINNER TABLE



THE LATE A. J. LYON.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Albert J. Lyon, manager of the Lyon book concern, died very suddenly at his home in Anapuni street last night. It was at 7:30 o'clock while he was seated at the dinner table. The members of the family were chatting merrily and laughing when Mr. Lyon asked to be excused and the next moment fell back in his chair and was dead before anything could be done for him.

Although Mr. Lyon was never a very robust man, he had been remarkably well for the past three years. Yesterday he attended to business as usual, until closing time.

Mr. Lyon was born in Sonoma, California, forty-eight years ago March 17 last, his folks having been from Kentucky. He married Ella Ewell, a So-

noma girl. Mrs. Lyon is left to mourn his loss, together with three of their sons, one daughter having died. The sons in order of age are Ralph A. Arthur R. and William C. Lyon. Ralph and William are now in Honolulu, Arthur being in San Francisco.

It was six years ago that Mr. Lyon came to Honolulu to assist his son in forming the Wm. C. Lyon Co., Ltd., booksellers and dealers in fine art editions, etc. For the past three years he had personally conducted the business. Wm. C. Lyon having only returned from the Coast after a long absence a few weeks ago. The lamented gentleman was highly esteemed in this community for his kindly demeanor and finely courteous disposition.